

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2521 - SB 2548**

February 22, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits county clerks from issuing marriage licenses to persons under 16 years of age.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-3-105, it is unlawful for any county clerk to issue a marriage license to a person under 16 years of age, unless, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-3-107, a county mayor or judge waives the age requirement and authorizes the county clerk to issue the marriage license.
- The proposed language would remove the ability of a county mayor or judge to provide consent for marriage for persons until they have reached at least 16 years of age.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health, from 2012-2017 there was a total of 2 grooms and 15 brides under the age of 16 at the time of marriage, for an average of 3 per year (17 marriages / 5 years).
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-21-701(1), § 36-6-413(b)(2), § 67-4-411(a), § 67-4-502, and § 67-4-505, various taxes and fees are assessed for the issuance of a marriage license, with a minimum of \$15 remitted to local government and a minimum of \$15 remitted to the state.
- The total of all fees assessed and remitted to the state and local government under current law for individuals under the age of 16 is not expected to exceed \$50 to either state or local government in any fiscal year. As a result, any decrease to state and local government revenue is considered not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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